

REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action.

In the Office Action mailed November 28, 2007, the Examiner asserted that claims 8, 11, 12, and 31-38 are subject to restriction due to recitation of binder materials in previously presented claims 36, 37 and 38. The Examiner requested election of a single disclosed species of binder materials for prosecution.

Applicant hereby elects organofunctional silane for the Examiner to first examine.

Claims 8, 11, 12, and 31-37 read on the elected species. These claims encompass the elected species.

The Examiner indicated that upon allowance of one or more of these generic claims, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, our Order No. MCI-17870.

Respectfully submitted,

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